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Attachment I

Mr. Radius - State Department (Member)
Office of Transportation and Communication Policy

(1st visit)

Generally inclined to be favorable to Central Intelligence Agency membership and receptive to our concept of membership as expressed in approach. However, because of the present uncertainty of final composition of the Telecommunications Coordinating Committee and the outcome of the proposed executive order setting up a Communications Advisor to the President, he suggested the possibility of a "wait and see" course.

We did not quite like this approach and suggested that we would prefer to contact the membership and obtain their reactions, if any, and then discuss the subject with him again. Our idea was to become a member of Telecommunications Coordinating Committee regardless of the composition or form it took. He agreed.

(2nd visit)

Generally outlined to Mr. Radius the reactions of the various members of the Telecommunications Coordinating Committee. While he agreed that it was basically the business of the State Department to issue invitations for membership, we both felt that psychologically it would be better for us to address our letter requesting membership to the Telecommunications Coordinating Committee itself, furnishing State with a complimentary copy.

Mr. Radius went on to state that he has in the past felt rather at a loss regarding the activities of our agency and therefore had been unable to move toward protecting any interests that would need such action. He indicated that our desired membership and contemplated increased activity in the field of communications policy, etc., should take care of this. Also indicated that, as an agency, we worked so closely with State in communications that, in reality, our efforts would necessarily react for our common well-being.

It was agreed that we draft a letter and go over it with him prior to release.

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Contacts re TCC

Civil Aeronautical Association - Captain Horn (Member)
Army Air Force - General Ankenbrandt (member)

Stands by military statement to Bureau of the Budget relative to membership in Telecommunications Coordinating Committee which states that membership should be restricted to agencies with a "substantial interest" in communications. Indicated would agree to membership if "substantial interest" was established. Mentioned that they felt we were a "service agency" and were surprised at the desire for membership until I explained the philosophy of our objective approach designed to work for the over-all good of the national communications effort.

Coast Guard - Captain Rhodes (Member)

Stated we had a good case and should be kept informed, one avenue being Telecommunications Coordinating Committee. Also stands by the "substantial interest" clause.

Army - General Guest (Member)

Indicated agreement. However, indicated further that Telecommunications Coordinating Committee did not want any more members merely to swell the ranks on a quiescent basis. Vigorous, active membership by people of communications experience that could and would have an effect upon the Telecommunications Coordinating Committee and its constitution and membership.

Bureau of the Budget - Mr. Scott-Moore (Observers)

Non-committal. However, feels that whatever can strengthen and better the Telecommunications Coordinating Committee will receive their support. Brought up the thought that the President's decision on the report of the President's Communications Policy Board would have an effect upon the Telecommunications Coordinating Committee and its constitution and membership.

Navy - Admiral Redman (Member)

Stated that he had no objection to our having membership. In response to his query as to whether we contemplated the installation of large transoceanic radio networks as one reason for our desire for membership, the reply was negative.

Federal Communications Commission - Mr. Coy (Member)

Because of circumstances involving illness, out-of-town trips, and prior commitments, was unable to contact Mr. Coy directly. Obtained a reaction, however, through Commissioner Webster, who stated that Mr. Coy's reaction was not favorable, apparently based upon his belief that the Agency did not have sufficient operating interest in communications. This second-hand approach is not satisfactory and if possible Mr. Coy will be contacted personally when possible.